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**Testimony to the Human Services Committee Regarding:**

- **HB 6633 and,**
- **Senate Bill 4**

Senator Moore, Representative Luxenberg, Senator Sampson, Representative Scott, and members of the Housing Committee. My name is David Liscinsky, and I'm a resident of Glastonbury, and a member of Glastonbury First Church of Christ's Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA) Team.

I want to offer my **STRONG SUPPORT** for **House Bill 6633: *An Act Concerning a Needs Assessment and Fair Share Plans for Municipalities to Increase Affordable Housing*** and **Senate Bill 4, *An Act Concerning Connecticut's Current and Present Housing Needs***.

In Connecticut and nationwide our cities and towns face an ongoing housing shortage. This is a crisis and that is undermining our vitality and harming people by forcing them into unsafe, substandard housing, and often exploitation via unreasonable rent increases. The housing shortage contributes to our workforce shortage damaging our economy. Available housing options simply don't match people's needs and our changing household demographics.

HB 6633 offers an opportunity to address this crisis in a fair, thoughtful, and effective manner. It empowers municipalities to meet this crisis in ways best suited to their community, while providing incentives and mechanisms to spur the progress we all so desperately need.

SB 904 would also ensure progress in meeting our housing needs, as well as mitigate and prevent the financial and other hardships often experienced and enabled by our current market.

Together, we can build a stronger state economy that is more affordable, sustainable and inclusive for all our families and neighbors.

Thank you for consideration of my thoughts on these Bills – which are the right thing to do to address Connecticut's housing shortage.



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